

Kansas. At its peak, there were over 600 employees at HHS in that region. Fred traveled extensively, visiting with the Governors and State and Federal officials and testified before congressional committees. Fred was ranked overall the best regional director in each of the last 3 years he served.

Following Fred's service in the Bush administration, he returned to work as my State business and economic liaison. Part of his responsibilities was to raise funds and plan an ambassadors tour I had been hosting every other year at that time to foster and facilitate greater awareness of Iowa's workforce and exports with those assigned to the U.S. Embassy in Washington from nationals around the world. Iowa's an exporting State with outstanding manufacturing and leading in agriculture commodities. Even though 2009 was a challenging economic time, Fred raised more than enough to cover the cost of the ambassadors' airfare to and from Washington, DC, renting three commercial tour buses, and organized lodging for the diplomats, security detail, and staff. He organized the cultural, educational, manufacturing, and agricultural sites for the ambassadors to visit.

In January 2011, I asked Fred to become the regional director in my Cedar Rapids office, the role he presently holds. Fred again took an active role in the recovery from the flood of 2016, visiting the numerous communities and businesses damaged by the floodwaters.

Fred Schuster will retire from my office after more than 35 years of service to me and my office, the U.S. Senate, and the people of Iowa, effective September 11, 2018. His honest, thoughtful, helpful, and insightful wisdom and advice have been valuable to me and to everyone with whom he connected. His absence will be a loss to my office, but I am glad that he will have more time to spend with his daughters, granddaughter, and friends, as well as to visit the remaining of the 50 State capitols and Presidential historical sites. I greatly value Fred's friendship and his commitment to public service, and I wish him well.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING SALLY J. MICHEL

● Mr. CARDIN. Mr. President, today I wish to celebrate the life of Sally J. Michel, a lifelong activist, a staunch advocate for underprivileged children and Baltimore's parks, and a Baltimore icon and friend. Sally passed away last week, and while I join with all of Baltimore in mourning her passing, I also celebrate the lasting impact her legacy will have on generations of Marylanders to come.

Sally grew up in Roanoke, VA, before attending Goucher College and settling down with her husband, Robert "Butch" Michel, in Baltimore, where she immediately began devoting her

life to our city. She began by joining the renowned volunteer organization, the Junior League. By 1973, Sally was the Baltimore chapter's president. She used her position to sponsor a national conference she called For Children's Sake, which brought together leaders in education, healthcare, and more to discuss the most pressing needs of America's children and how best local communities can address them. She brought those ideas home to Baltimore, often serving as an ambassador for children's welfare issues across the city.

Her seemingly boundless energy for community service earned the attention and trust of then-Mayor William Donald Schaefer, who entrusted Sally with hosting a monthly dinner wherein Baltimore citizens of all professions and backgrounds were invited to come, eat, and exchange their ideas for how to improve the city. Sally hosted these dinners for more than a decade, cultivating hundreds of new, innovative ideas for bettering Baltimore's schools and neighborhoods and ensuring that those ideas were executed. Attendees often said that Sally's dinners made them feel more connected with their city and as though their experiences and insights truly mattered to the city's leadership. That is what Sally did best, bring people together and make sure they knew they were important. Her unparalleled talent for making Baltimore's residents feel heard, loved, and supported was a gift to us all.

Later, in the 1980s, Sally turned her focus to improving Baltimore's public parks. She believed our outdoor spaces were the key to bringing and keeping communities together and provided critical safe spaces for children to play and develop active lifestyles. Toward that end, she founded two Baltimore mainstays: the local Outward Bound School and the now-legendary Parks and People Foundation.

The Parks and People Foundation was Sally's labor of love. The foundation invests in Baltimore's parks, gardens, and afterschool activities and has been so wildly successful that it has become a model for urban park advocacy nationwide. I was proud to have worked with the Parks and People Foundation to establish bike trails through our city. One of the foundation's flagship achievements was the creation of the SuperKids Camp, a children's literacy program designed specifically to help elementary school children falling behind their reading level. Sally always saw the children that were being overlooked and underserved, and she used the SuperKids program to make sure that they felt seen. She inspired and supported kids who would have otherwise lacked the resources to catch up with their peers, and for that, a grateful city will always remember her. My granddaughter Julia volunteered at one such camp over the summer, and she spoke with pride of how many lives she saw positively impacted by their good work.

In the 80 years Sally was with us, she served on the board of trustees for 57 different State and local organizations. Of those 57, she chaired 19, including the Baltimore City Planning Commission. In addition to the programs mentioned, she was a key figure in establishing the Baltimore School for the Arts, and to date, her SuperKids Camp program has served more than 30,000 children. The Outward Bound School has served more than 62,000.

Perhaps most impressive of all, everything that Sally accomplished, she accomplished free of charge. Sally was never a paid advocate, but a volunteer, and when asked about her decades of service, she commented that she received "psychic income" and was more than satisfied with that. Sally's extreme generosity of spirit and selfless devotion to our community is one of many reasons Baltimore so acutely feels the weight of her passing. She was a hero to the tens of thousands of children who benefited from her altruism and creative problem-solving. She was Baltimore's guardian angel, always there to watch over, protect, and support the city's families whenever they needed her most.

Sally was fueled by raw empathy and compassion. She took genuine joy in other people's successes. Beyond her impressive list of achievements, she was, above all, a kind and generous soul. It is a tragedy for our city that such a soul was taken from us too soon. Sally battled Alzheimer's for nearly 10 years, one of the cruelest, most difficult diseases there is. Sally met it head-on, as she did with every other challenge she ever faced. I am committed to honoring her life by fighting for more Federal funds toward curing Alzheimer's and devising better therapies for managing its symptoms. Sally's story reminds us that resources for medical research and institutions like the National Institutes of Health are absolutely critical and that, when we fail to invest in them, we fail good people like Sally.

That kind of failure is inexcusable because Sally never failed us. She rose above and beyond in all that she did. Her commitment to activism and community service was unmatched and led directly to some of Baltimore's most successful and lasting programs. For that reason and so many others, Sally's absence will be sorely felt; yet her presence, through the families she touched and through the fingerprints she left all across our city, is felt all the more and will be for decades to come.●

TRIBUTE TO DAVID LONG

● Mr. YOUNG. Mr. President, I wish to rise today to formally recognize the retirement of Indiana Senate Pro Tempore David Long. The former Fort Wayne City councilman has over 30 years of public service. He has spent the past 22 years as State Senator representing Senate District 16 and the

past 12 sessions as the chamber's leader.

Senator Long's accomplishments while serving as president pro tempore are a testament to his leadership. He has presided over property tax caps, a series of personal and corporate income tax cuts, the expansion of charter schools and the creation of private school vouchers, and passage of right-to-work law and the Healthy Indiana Plan. Senator Long also has a lengthy record of fiscal prudence and acting as a good steward of hard-working Hoosiers. His legislative accomplishments were married with his consistent production of balanced budgets. Under his tenure, Indiana achieved one of the lowest unemployment rates in the Nation, while also boasting some of the lowest property taxes and income taxes in the union.

I know that I add my voice to a chorus of those that have sang Senator Long's praises and expressed their appreciation for his exemplary service when he announced that he will formally step down on November 6. His steadfast service to his fellow Hoosiers and his leadership of the senate lead to long lasting success for our home State. I wish Senator Long and his wife Melissa a very well-deserved and happy retirement.

I ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing the service of Indiana Senate Pro Tempore David Long for his years of unwavering service as we wish a fond farewell to a true titan in the history of the Indiana Senate.●

150TH ANNIVERSARY OF FRANKLIN SAVINGS BANK

● Mr. KING. Mr. President, today I wish to recognize the 150th anniversary of Franklin Savings Bank, one of the oldest and most successful business in Franklin County and the only locally owned bank in Franklin County. Today the bank has eight locations across western and central Maine, including a commercial lending center in Ellsworth.

Founded on February 24, 1868, when Governor Joshua Chamberlain signed a bill into law incorporating the bank, the bank's early mission was "to help the people of Franklin County lay by something each year and deposit in some good bank where it will be safe and earn a little something." At the beginning, President Joseph Fairbanks said that they preferred the small accounts of children, which would be added to little by little over time, over the large account of a rich man. Times have changed since then, with the bank now serving four Maine counties with eight locations, but their dedication to customer service has not wavered. Over the past 150 years, Franklin Savings Bank has shifted from focusing on individual savings accounts to now also offering home mortgage lending and commercial lending. Online banking services were added to Franklin Savings Bank in 2001 and have only in-

creased, today offering customers the ability to deposit, complete transactions, and pay bills all from the convenience of their cellphone.

Franklin Savings Bank is not only committed to its customers, but also to its neighbors in the communities it serves. In 2000, the board of directors established the Franklin Savings Bank Community Development Foundation. This is a not-for-profit foundation that supports the community, economic, and educational needs within areas served by the bank. Over the first 15 years, the foundation has contributed \$2 million to local economic development, education, and various charities.

Amidst the mortgage crisis of 2008, Franklin Savings Bank continued to be a safe and trusted place for the people of Maine to keep their money. Franklin Savings Bank was named the Strongest Bank in Maine for 19 years and, during the mortgage crisis, the strongest bank in New England. Today Franklin Savings Bank is consistently ranked as one of the safest banks in the country. Their mission is to continue to be a financially strong and independent community bank, and I look forward to seeing their continued growth and impact on the State of Maine. I join with their customers in congratulating Franklin Savings Bank on 150 years of leadership in western Maine.●

TRIBUTE TO DR. JULIETTE BELL

● Mr. VAN HOLLEN. Mr. President, I wish to recognize an extraordinary educator, Dr. Juliette Bell, for her 6 years of outstanding service as president of the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. Dr. Bell has left a lasting legacy of accomplishment.

During Dr. Bell's tenure, UMES reached new levels of achievement, including being ranked as one of the Nation's best Historically Black Colleges and Universities, being a top producer of African-American pharmacists, becoming a doctoral research university, establishing the engineering and aviation science complex, experiencing an increase in student graduation rates, and improving relationships and collaboration between the university and the community. Thanks to her focus on inclusion and her commitment to the success of all students, Dr. Bell truly made a difference in the lives of UMES' students.

Dr. Bell's leadership has been recognized beyond the UMES campus. A renowned biochemist and scholar, she has received numerous prestigious national honors and awards, including the Millennium Award for Excellence in Teaching from the White House Initiative on Historically Black Colleges and Universities, the NAFEO Research Excellence Award, the Minority Access, Inc., National Role Model Mentoring Award, and the University of North Carolina Board of Governors' Award for Excellence in Teaching. She has also been named a Giant in Science

by Quality Education for Minorities and was featured as one of 10 African-American life scientists in an exhibition at the Chicago Museum of Science and Industry entitled "Defying Tradition: African American Women in Science and Technology." She has also been named one of Maryland's Top 100 Women.

Throughout her distinguished career, Dr. Bell has been a role model for many, including women and women of color, especially those seeking to pursue careers in STEM fields. I ask my colleagues to join me in expressing our gratitude and appreciation to Dr. Juliette Bell for all that she has done for students, the State of Maryland, and our entire Nation.●

TRIBUTE TO CHUCK NERUD

● Mr. DAINES. Mr. President, this week I have the honor of recognizing Chuck Nerud of McCone County for his contribution to his community.

Chuck was born and raised in Circle, MT, where he has been ranching for 65 years. At 8 years old, Chuck was already training horses, sparking his love of the rodeo. At 18, marking a decade of experience training horses, Chuck joined the McCone Race and Rodeo Club, which was later named the Circle Rodeo Club.

For the next 50 years of his life, Chuck dedicated his life to the rodeo, teaching children of all ages the proper techniques and rules regarding the sport. Some even call Chuck the walking encyclopedia of professional cowboys. Chuck also serves on the McCone County Stockyard Board.

Chuck has the heart of a true Montanan rancher. I thank Chuck for his contributions to McCone County and wish him well in his future endeavors.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Ms. Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a treaty which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:48 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mr. McLaughlin, one of its journal clerks, announced that the House agrees to the following concurrent resolutions, without amendment:

S. Con. Res. 43. Concurrent resolution providing for the use of the catafalque situated in the Exhibition Hall of the Capitol Visitor